

REMARKS

At the time of this Amendment, Claims 1, 2, 6-10, 14-16 and 20 have been allowed and claims 3-5, 11-13 and 17-19 have been canceled. Applicants are requesting that claims 10, 14-16 and 20 be canceled. The following Amendment is entered under 37 CFR §1.312. MPEP 714.16(d) states:

After the Notice of Allowance has been mailed, the application is technically no longer under the jurisdiction of the primary examiner. He or she can, however, make examiner's amendments (see MPEP § 1302.04) and **has authority to enter amendments submitted after Notice of Allowance** of an application which embody merely the correction of formal matters in the specification or drawing, or formal matters in a claim without changing the scope thereof, or the **cancellation of claims from the application**, without forwarding to the supervisory patent examiner for approval.

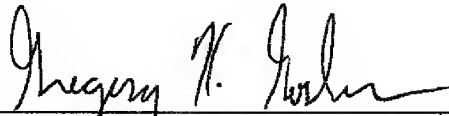
Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter this Amendment and cancel claims 10, 14-16 and 20.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue the canceled and other claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional patent applications. It is believed that no fees are due with the filing of this Amendment/Response. However, should any other fees be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to the deposit account of IBM Corporation, Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Respectfully submitted,

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